



Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting - Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Skinner Store (111 Greenwood – Blue Lake)

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.

1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission
2. Motion to Approve Agenda
3. Public Input – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*
4. Motion to Adopt Minutes of May 4, 2015
5. Work Plan for 2015 (Discussion/Action)
 - a. Improve Communication/Increase Reporting of Activities (Woody/Whitcomb)
 1. Draft Flyer Enclosed (Action)
 - b. Neighborhood Watch (Mann/Glen) (Discussion and/or Action)
 - c. Add Addition to Work Plan: Provide Periotic Committee Report to Appropriate Bodies (Action)
 - d. Presentation Formats and Methods (Discussion)
6. Report of City Manager and Activity Reports
7. Announcements
8. PSC Liaison Communication(s)
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Motion to Adjourn

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Public Safety Commission Minutes – May 4, 2015

1. Commissioners Present: Glen, Mann, Woody, Whitcomb
Absent: none, one seat vacant
Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

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2. M/Glen, S/Woody, Unanimous to approve agenda.

3. No public present.

4. m/Glen, s/Woody to adopt minutes of April 6. Glen, Woody, Whitcomb aye, Mann abstain (absent).

5. Discussion of implementation of 2015 Work Plan.

Whitcomb/Woody committee presented an early draft of information for the public on reporting suspicious activities. Glen presented assessment of ongoing efforts to encourage more Neighborhood Watch groups, as well as copies of brochures from the Sonoma County Sheriff on reporting suspicious behavior and neighborhood watch. Discussion ensued on how to get this information out effectively. A unified image is important, perhaps a slogan and/or mascot or logo. General agreement that a poster with associated or attached take away brochures would be a start. Other ideas include producing a calendar with public safety tips and messages, developing performance pieces with Dell Arte and/or BL school, creating an 'awareness' event or time period. Content could include individual's stories, some humor and/or whimsy, what we do get from the sheriff (counteract the impression that we get less now than we did with our own police force), reasons people don't want to report suspicious behavior and responses to their concerns, what volunteer groups are happening now. Discussion also on how to achieve the core purpose of Neighborhood Watch in a way that will be accepted by people who, for whatever reasons, do not want to be associated with something called Neighborhood Watch.

Next meeting will focus on presentation format and methods.

6. Chair Mann will post vacancy on Next Door.

7. Activity reports were reviewed. A question arose, How would someone be able to tell if something they reported was included in the activity report?

8. No announcements.

9. Council liaison contributed to discussion throughout the meeting, and noted several questions to take to Council.

10. Agenda for this meeting adequate for next meeting, with the addition of item 5 d. Discuss information presentation formats and methods.

M/Woody, S/Whitcomb, Unanimous to adjourn.

As discussed at the last meeting of the PSC, Lin and I met to rough out some poster and brochure ideas, which we will be discussing in more detail at our next meeting (Monday June 1). What we came up with is to produce two separate poster and brochure combos:

1) A very simple and small poster about Neighborhood Watch only, providing the basic info if someone is interested in starting one. Lin is working up a concept draft. This essentially fulfills the Council's directive to encourage formation of more NW, but is not our main focus.

2) The primary and more comprehensive 'campaign' piece. A larger, catchier poster and brochure. Pulling from your work, the 'message' on the poster would be:

- Public safety/crime prevention is a shared responsibility/partnership (with the sheriff),
- you can help keep our community safe,
- Here's How...

We envisioned a brochure (tri or maybe quad fold) in a pocket on the poster, with the most important info from the research you did and the Sonoma Sheriff's brochure; encouraging reporting, what is suspicious behavior, how to call/report (when to use 911 vs 445 dispatch number).

Everything there is on this subject will probably not fit into one brochure, but we want people to be able to walk away with something in their pocket. So our homework before the meeting:

Please go through the info you put together and the Sonoma brochure (link below) and figure out what you think is most important to be included. I would suggest sorting into two or maybe three categories: Essential and Secondary, maybe one more.

Thanks, and see you on Monday.

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<http://static1.squarespace.com/static/542ec317e4b0d41ade8801fb/t/549afb9fe4b0db6a9b8c324d/1419443103967/How+to+Report+Suspicious+Activities+and+Persons.pdf>



Making calls to the Sheriff's Office

It is impossible to give exact directions on when to call 9-1-1 or the non emergency number because there can be special circumstances that are unique to your situation. However the following information is the basic rules list, as both numbers are the HC Sheriff's Office hub for Humboldt County. All calls are routed through the dispatch center. This is meant to be a helpful guide. Always call 9-1-1 if you feel threatened in any way.

9-1-1

All life threatening emergencies

- **Fire**
- **Robbery**
- **Rape – call immediately or have someone call for you**
- **Someone forcibly trying to enter your home**
- **Missing child**
- **House broken in to but you don't know if they are still there**
- **Gunfire followed by screams or sounds of bullets impacting building(s)**
- **Someone being assaulted (including you)**
- **Child being abused at that moment**
- **Animal being abused at that moment**
- **Stolen car that has just been stolen**
- **Vehicle accident more than a fender bender**

Non Emergency Calls 445-7251

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| • Home burglary | • Suspected child neglect or abuse |
| • Vehicle break-in | • Barking dogs |
| • Stolen property | • Aggressive panhandling (blocking access or egress) |
| • Suspicious person in neighborhood | • Loud parties |
| • Apparent drug deal happening | • Suspected animal abuse or neglect |
| • Vandalism | • Mail theft |
| • Stolen car – not current | • Any type of fraud (email, phone or mail) |
| • Graffiti | • Identity theft |
| • Drug activity in neighborhood (short term stay and increased foot or vehicle traffic) | • All general inquiries to the Sheriff's Office |
| • Victim of assault | • Suspected elder abuse |
| • Illegal camping (on property or in vehicle) | |

Anonymous Tip Line 268-2539



CITY OF BLUE LAKE

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To: Public Safety Commission
From: John Berchtold, City Manager
Date: June 1, 2015
Subject: Monthly Report



All was relatively quiet. City staff has been dealing with a nuisance complaint filed by the Building Official and City Planner for a property on Chartin Way. There have been numerous calls for law enforcement at this location. It has been housing for many transients.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CALLS FOR SERVICE AND REPORTS TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE

From:05/11/15 Through: 05/17/15

<u>CFS#</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
051115-35	Unwanted Subject	H Street
051115-60	Welfare Check	Redwood Avenue
051215-65	Welfare Check	A Street
051215-147	Agency Assist	Railroad Avenue
051315-80	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
051415-45	Petty Theft 201502228	Board Street
051415-75	Natural Death	Board Street
051415-79	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
051415-162	Gun Shots Heard	Wahl Street & C Street
051515-109	Patrol Check	Blue Lake Elementary School
051515-128	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
051515-148	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
051615-59	Threats 201502272	S Railroad Ave.
051615-148	Suspicious Circumstance	I Street
051715-98	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
051715-101	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road

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CALLS FOR SERVICE AND REPORTS TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE**

From: 05/04/15 Through: 05/10/15

<u>CFS#</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
050415-6	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
050415-51	Patrol Check	Greenwood Road
050515-31	Patrol Check	F St & Broad St
050515-39	Patrol Check	Blue Lake Blvd
050515-54	Unwanted Subject 201502070	H Street
050615-35	Vehicle Investigation	Second Ave & J Street
050615-89	Patrol Check	B Street
050615-123	Investigation	Blue Lake Area
050815-109	Investigation	Blue Lake Post Office
050915-143	Disturbance	Blue Lake Blvd

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CALLS FOR SERVICE AND REPORTS TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE**

From: 04/27/15 Through: 05/03/15

<u>CFS#</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
042715-32	Petty Theft 201501930	F Street
042715-54	Welfare Check	Blue Lake Blvd
042715-107	Follow Up	Blue Lake Blvd
042715-127	Follow Up	Blue Lake Blvd
042815-182	Suspicious Circumstance	Greenwood Road
042915-73	Follow Up	Blue Lake Blvd
042915-110	BOLO/Public Assist	Chartin Rd & Blue Lake Blvd
043015-20	Suspicious Circumstance	Gely Street
043015-22	Disturbance	Blue Lake Blvd
050115-38	Found Property	Blue Lake Post Office
050215-11	Vehicle Registration Check	Blue Lake Blvd
050215-132	Suspicious Circumstance	Blue Lake Blvd
050315-15	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road
050315-33	Patrol Check	Greenwood Road
050315-124	Vehicle Registration Check	Greenwood Road